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FOLLOWING REPORT MOVED ON FBIS WIRE AT 1842Z DEC 17:

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TASS REPORTS LE DUC THO STATEMENT

MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 1716 GMT 17 DEC 73

(TEXT) PARIS DECEMBER 17 TASS--"I HAVE ARRIVED HERE IN PARIS AS A TOKEN OF GOOD-WILL AND WITH SERIOUS INTENTIONS, BUT THE MEETING WITH HENRY KISSINGER AND THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL DEPEND ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, ON WHETHER IT TOO, PROVES THE SERIOUSNESS OF ITS INTENTIONS," STATED POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER, SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE VIETNAM WORKING PEOPLES PARTY, SPECIAL ADVISOR AND DRV GOVERNMENT ENVOY, LE DUC THO.

IN A STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS AT PARIS AIRPORT LE DUC THO STRESSED THAT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH THE US
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SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE HELD AT THE AMERICAN'S SIDE

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SUGGESTION AND THAT THE DRV GOVERNMENT AGREED TO IT IN

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ORDER TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH ACCOUNT
OF THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE DRV GOVERNMENT'S ENVOY ALSO NOTED THAT THE SAIGON
ADMINISTRATION CONSTANTLY PERPETRATES SERIOUS VIOLATIONS
OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, IN WHICH IT IS SUPPORTED
BY THE US AT THE SAME TIME THE US IS EVADING FULFILLMENT
OF ITS COMMITMENTS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION O THE POST-
WAR RESTORATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE US AND SAIGON, LE DUC THO STATED, OUGHT TO BEAR FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SITUATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED
IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR VIOLATIONS
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AND THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973.

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